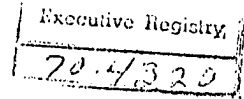




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Honorable Richard Helms  
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Dick:

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Please see also an internal NSA memo (attached) about a serious NEWSWEEK compromise.

I'm sure you're already aware of these breaches. They are only recent examples of a continuing hemorrhage of SIGINT security that gives me great concern.

People usually say things like "You can't control newspapermen," or "It always turns out to be a leak in Congress," with a certain defeatist air suggesting that nothing can be done about it.

But I don't believe it. I think we should conduct a vigorous investigation of each of these leaks. Sooner or later we should find a source, and "hang him to encourage the others" -- to keep their mouths shut. The alternative is plain -- sooner or later we're going to lose this take -- and maybe a lot more. I would appreciate your thoughts.

Warm regards,

NOEL GAYLER  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy  
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